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MESSAGE FROM MR BULPITT

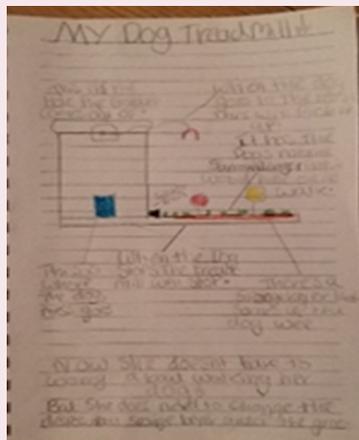
Dear Parents and Carers,

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with your God

This week I met with all of the teachers (online!) and talked through how everyone is managing our new landscape of learning! I must pass on my thanks from all of the staff to all of the families at Eltham Church of England Primary School for the support and good wishes that you have sent individual teachers. It is very appreciated in these uncertain times.

One area that every school is trying to balance is when children complete work, email or 'turn in' work later in the day or even during the evening, they then need/want a response the next morning. We are very pleased with the dedication that children are showing, and recognise that there is demand for computers, bandwidth, parents time all of which affect when children can get to their work! But please be assured that teachers are looking, responding and marking work as quickly as they can – I have given them guidelines this week to focus on work submitted for that day, and then the day before (had the work come in late the previous day). Work that is older than 1 day will get looked at as soon as possible, but for them to ensure that they focus on setting work for that day and the next. I trust this makes sense and avoids disappointment in feeling that teachers haven't seen a child's work – but it is important to try and keep momentum in the work set and responses possible via email / Google Classrooms.

Here are a couple of pictures from this week's work forwarded to me. French in Year 3 and technology in Year 5



Supporting our children's learning can sometimes feel daunting.

The BBC have posted lessons that are assigned to year groups and then labelled with the maths and English objective covered. They can be found <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

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Our Key Workers continue to serve and care for our nation during this time and again it is good to stop and thank God and them. Let us remember that they are mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, have friends and neighbours, just like us and they work selflessly on our behalf.



I must sadly end this week's newsletter with the fact that we are not immune to the impact that this virus is having on our families. 5 members of staff have each lost one of their parents (in law) in the last three weeks, and I am sure that you join with me in praying for them in this difficult time.

Furthermore, we are beginning to hear from families across the school who are affected, losing loved ones or battling with the virus themselves. We pray for God's peace and protection.

Let us come quietly together as a family, and as a school community in a time of Collective Worship

Welcome

Let us say together the prayer of thanksgiving for today;

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory forever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt
and led them to freedom in the promised land,
so now you have delivered us from darkness and brought us
into the kingdom of your risen Son.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

Message

In this time we can often feel helpless, but Jesus told us to pray. Pete Greig in his book "How to Pray" gave a helpful acronym to help us structure how to pray

- P – Pause Be quiet and give time to God, *Be still and know that I am God*
R – Rejoice Everything doesn't have to be perfect before we can 'stand tall' and be happy knowing that God has heard our prayers
A – Ask *Ask and it will be given to you, Seek and you will find, Knock and the door will be opened*
Y – Yes We bring our prayers to God and acknowledge that even in all that we ask we say "yes" to knowing that God. *Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.*

Close

So let us end our worship together praying

P – In quiet

R – Thank God for His blessing and love for us

A – Asking him to touch our lives, restore how we feel, bring comfort to those we love

Y – Say yes and thank you. That you are who you say you are in the Bible and I that you are here and talking with me.

Rejoicing together let us pray in confidence as Jesus our saviour taught us

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and for ever.
Amen.

And enjoy <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nL31ncBtalE>

With very best wishes

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